

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable power tool comprising a housing structure and a secondary structure, the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing a motor assembly of the portable power tool, the housing structure also including an overmold portion that is formed from a resilient material and molded onto at least a portion of the molded portion, the overmold portion defining a seal portion that is configured to meshingly engage the secondary structure and ~~to~~ form a seal between the molded portion and the secondary structure.

2. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the secondary structure is an end cap.

3. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the overmold portion also retains the secondary structure in a predetermined location relative to the housing structure.

4. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 3, wherein the resilient material is a vibration dampening material that is configured to attenuate vibrations that are transmitted between the housing structure and the secondary structure.

5. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 4, wherein the resilient material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

6. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the overmold portion further includes a bumper member that is coupled to an exterior surface of the housing structure, the bumper member being configured to abut the secondary structure to limit movement of the secondary structure relative to the housing structure in a predetermined direction.

7. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 6, wherein the bumper member is raised from the exterior surface of the secondary portion but otherwise conforms to the shape of the secondary portion in an area in which the bumper member and the housing structure abut.

8. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 6, wherein the overmold portion includes a linking member that links the seal portion and the bumper member together.

9. (Currently Amended) A portable power tool comprising a housing structure and a secondary structure, the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing a motor assembly of the portable power tool, the housing structure also including an overmold portion that is formed from a resilient material and at least partially molded onto the molded portion, the overmold portion defining an insulator portion that is configured to ~~contact~~ partially encapsulate the secondary structure and dampen vibrations that are transmitted between the molded portion and the secondary structure.

10. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the secondary structure is an end cap shell.

11. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the overmold portion also retains the secondary structure in a predetermined location relative to the structural portion.

12. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the resilient material is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

13. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the overmold portion further includes a bumper member that is coupled to an exterior surface of the secondary structure, the bumper member being configured to abut the secondary structure relative to the housing structure in a predetermined direction.

14. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 13, wherein the overmold portion includes a linking member that links the isolator portion and the bumper member together.

15. (Previously Amended) The tool of Claim 13, wherein the bumper member is raised from the exterior surface of the secondary structure but otherwise conforms to the shape of the secondary structure in an area in which the bumper member and the secondary structure abut.

16. (Cancelled)

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22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Added) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the housing structure is a plastic housing structure.

24. (Previously Added) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the housing structure is a plastic housing structure.

25. (Previously Added) The tool of Claim 1, further comprising the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing one of a motor assembly, a multi-speed transmission assembly, a clutch mechanism, an output spindle assembly, a chuck, a trigger assembly and a battery pack.

26. (Previously Added) The tool of Claim 9, further comprising the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing one of a motor assembly, a multi-speed transmission assembly, a clutch mechanism, an output spindle assembly, a chuck, a trigger assembly and a battery pack.

27. (Withdrawn) A method for fabricating a portable power tool comprising:
molding a housing;

overmolding a resilient material over at least a portion of the housing, the overmolded resilient material forming at least one grippable surface that is adapted to be gripped by the user of the portable power tool, the overmolded resilient material further forming a seal;

providing a secondary structure;

coupling the secondary structure to the housing such that the seal sealingly engages the secondary structure.

28. (Withdrawn) A method for fabricating a portable power tool comprising:
molding a housing;

overmolding a resilient material over at least a portion of the housing, the overmolded resilient material forming at least one grippable surface that is adapted to be gripped by the user of the portable power tool, the overmolded resilient material further forming an isolator portion;

providing a secondary structure;

coupling the secondary structure to the housing such that the isolator portion dampens vibrations that are transmitted between the molded portion and the secondary structure.